

University Hospital, N.O.

April 12th 1864

Dear Mother,

It has been six weeks since I left the Regt. and no letters yet, I know that there must be letters there for me, and if the Officers was not *to* lazy to [?]mail them I could had them long ago.

I have been looking for a a letter every day since Harison went to the Regt., but he seems to be as bad as the rest of them, there is some men here of other companies and they get their mail.

I have not heard from Harrison since he went to the Regt., the last I heard from the Regt. they were up above Alexandria on the Red river.

The shirts you sent me suits first rate, and the shoes are a better fit than Nonnan(?) ever made me before.

I am getting tired of staying in the hospital, I have been here a month to day, the Doctors do not do any thing for me, I am not sick nor I am not able to do duty. I have had a cough for a long time but I have got some better of that.

There will be an examination in a few days for discharges and furloughs, and if they won't send me to the Regt. then, I shall try and get a furlough. I should like very well to make you a visit this summer and I think I shall. How do you like your new home. I don't suppose that it is quite as pleasant there as it is Leonardsville, and you probably have not got quite as good a house.

I got paid off about a week ago. I find it comes quite handy here in the hospital for we live very poor, and every time I can get out I go to the market and get a good meal for 35 cents.

I was down to the Barrack yesterday to see Duane Clark in the Invalid corps, he is well, he is going into a Negro hospital for ward master, head nurse or something, I don't know exactly what.

There is *know* news to write and so I will close, please excuse this short letter and give my love to all.

From Your Affect. Son,

J. Francis Brand

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Thursday

Well Lucy I have looked for you all day, not much though, it is such comfort going these letters come last Monday I should sent [CO] them before if you had a mind any day I thought I would wait *untill* to day *didnt* [?] had we might get another letter we got [?] two from each of the boys I will send [?] the others you can read when you come. I can tell you it a hearty thank God for his kind can it was when I got these letters, I feel bad about Frantz, I am afraid they will keep him there *untill* he is [?] [?] but we all hope that he will get a discharge or a furlough we are all well [?] getting along first rate Ellen has had the Diptheria so that she had to stay out of school all last week is so that she is going this week she likes her school better than at first.

I [?] troubled much with neighbors as I [?] got any there is none any where near us except Mrs. Allens folks [?] they [?] near us been in [?] so you hear from [?] how is your [?] I shall expect you when the mud dries up Remember me to your mother

Mother